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' BRUSSELS FOR A/S BERGSTEN AND DAS WALKER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, CG

SUBJECT: BERGSTEN/WALKER VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING  
MOBUTU MEETING FOR USE BY BERGSTEN/WALKER.

QUOTE: WE HAD AN OPEN AND USEFUL MEETING AS BEFITS THE  
FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY MARKED US/ZAIRIAN  
RELATIONS. WE ARE IN PARTICULAR GRATEFUL TO PRESIDENT  
MOBUTU FOR HIS GENEROSITY IN MAKING POSSIBLE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY FOR A DETAILED, FIRSTHAND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON  
A RANGE OF MUTUAL CONCERNS.

SPECIFICALLY, WE FOCUSSED ON ZAIRE'S CURRENT ECONOMIC  
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DIFFICULTIES AND THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS AND EFFORTS TO  
MEET THESE. I WAS GLAD TO BE ABLE TO CONFIRM TO  
PRESIDENT MOBUTU THAT, IN FULFILLMENT OF PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPORT THE MOBUTU  
PLAN, MY GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION EXTENDED  
BY THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO TAKE PART IN A  
MEETING IN BRUSSELS IN JUNE OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IN

THAT NEW MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO EFFECT ECONOMIC REHABILITATION AND REFORM IN ZAIRE. WE ALSO EXPLORED HOW OTHER ECONOMIC INITIATIVES MIGHT MOST EFFECTIVELY BE FIT-

ED INTO THE MOBUTU PLAN, FOR EXAMPLE A NEW IMF STANDBY ARRANGEMENT AND THE PARIS CLUB DEBT RE-SCHEDULING FOR ZAIRE.

IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS ECONOMIC SCENARIO, I WAS ABLE TO ELABORATE ON OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND CONCERNS. WE TALKED ABOUT THE LINK WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE AND THE ABILITY OF MY COUNTRY TO ASSIST WITH LEGITIMATE DEVELOPMENTAL AND SECURITY NEEDS. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO PRESS STATEMENT SHOULD SECURITY QUESTION ARISE:

QUOTE: IN THIS LATTER REGARD, I REASSURED PRESIDENT MOBUTU THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE INCREASED LEVEL OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN AREA AND THAT, AS OUR CURRENT SECURITY PROGRAMS ILLUSTRATE, REMAIN PREPARED TO ASSIST ZAIRE IN MEETING EXTERNAL THREATS TO ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. WE STATED OUR ENCOURAGEMENT WITH EFFORTS TO SETTLE ZAIRE'S BORDER SITUATION WITH ANGOLA, THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MUTUAL EFFORTS MIGHT CONTINUE. UNQUOTE.  
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3. AS ARRIVAL STATEMENT WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING: QUOTE: I HAVE WANTED FOR SOME TIME TO VISIT ZAIRE, ABOUT WHICH I HAVE HEARD SO MUCH. I AM GRATEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS IT HAS MADE FOR ME TO MEET AND TO DISCUSS WITH ITS LEADERSHIP MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN. IN PARTICULAR, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING PRESIDENT MOBUTU. I AM MUCH INDEBTED TO HIM FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE TO RECEIVE ME. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS WILL BE USEFUL.

AS YOU MAY KNOW I HAVE JUST COME FROM BRUSSELS WHERE I MET WITH MY BELGIAN COUNTERPARTS. AMONG OTHER MATTERS, WE DISCUSSED THE MOBUTU PLAN, AND I AM GLAD FOR THIS TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE LATEST THINKING OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE PLAN. I WILL ALSO BE TRAVELLING IN-COUNTRY TO SEE THE INGA DAM. I REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REMAIN LONGER ON THIS VISIT TO YOUR VAST AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY FOR I SHOULD HAVE LIKED TO GET TO KNOW THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE BETTER THAN A BRIEF STOPOVER PERMITS. THANK YOU. UNQUOTE.

4. SUGGESTED TOAST FOLLOWS FOR USE ON CONTINGENCY BASIS  
AT DINNER PLANNING MINISTER MULUMBA IS GIVING:

QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

ALTHOUGH THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO ZAIRE, YOUR WONDERFUL  
HOSPITALITY HAS MADE ME FEEL VERY MUCH AT HOME. THE  
UNITED STATES WAS PRESENT AT THE BIRTH OF YOUR COUNTRY  
AND HAS FOLLOWED WITH CLOSE INTEREST THE CHANGES WHICH  
HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN ZAIRE DURING THE PAST 17 YEARS. THIS  
IS ANOTHER REASON WHY I FEEL THAT I AM AMONG OLD FRIENDS  
TODAY.

BECAUSE OF OUR CLOSE FRIENDSHIP, AND THE HIGH VALUE WE  
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PLACE ON IT, WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST  
YOUR COUNTRY'S EFFORTS TO OVERCOME ITS CURRENT ECONOMIC  
AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. MY OWN APPRECIATION OF YOUR PROB-  
LEMS HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY THIS BRIEF VISIT TO YOUR COUN-  
TRY. REST ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS STEAD-  
FAST IN ITS DESIRE TO ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY AND DEVELOP-  
MENT OF THE ECONOMY FOR THE BENEFIT ALL OF ZAIRE'S PEOPLE.

WE WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT ZAIRE IS COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENTING  
THE FAR REACHING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS WHICH YOU  
HAVE ANNOUNCED DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE ATTEMPT TO RIGHT  
ZAIRE'S ECONOMY IS THE MULTILATERAL EFFORT WHICH BEARS  
THE NAME OF YOUR PRESIDENT. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE COMMITTED  
IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOBUTU PLAN, AND LOOK  
FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT AND WITH  
ZAIRE'S OTHER ALLIES IN ASSURING ITS SUCCESS.

I A; CONFIDENT ABOUT ZAIRE AND ITS FUTURE. IT IS A VAST  
COUNTRY WITH ENORMOUS RESOURCES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY DY-  
NAMIC LEADERS AND PEOPLE. YOUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMY CANNOT  
HELP BUT GROW IN THE FUTURE IF THE PROPER STEPS TO REFORM  
IT ARE TAKEN NOW BY ZAIRE AND ITS FRIENDS. TOMORROW I  
WILL SEE THAT THE DREAM OF HARNESSING THE ZAIRE RIVER HAS  
BECOME A REALITY. THE ELECTRIC POWER TO BE PRODUCED BY  
THE INGA DAM AND CONVEYED TO THE COPPER BELT BY THE US-  
ASSISTED HIGH TENSION LINE PROJECT WILL INCREASE YOUR  
COUNTRY'S PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY TREMENDOUSLY.

LADIES, GENTLEMEN, AND CITIZENS, I OFFER A TOAST TO  
THE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,  
TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU FOR HIS DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP, AND TO  
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THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE. UNQUOTE.

5. TREASURY CLEARANCES PENDING AND CAN BE  
ASSUMED GRANTED UNLESS WE INFORM YOU OTHERWISE BY 4/27.

6. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR PERCEPTIVE AND USEFUL  
TELEGRAM 4141. WE AGREE WITH ITS THRUST AND BELIEVE  
THAT ALL BRIEFING MATERIAL PREPARED FOR BERGSTEN AND  
WALKER ACCORDS WITH IT. ALSO BELIEVE FOREGOING PRO-  
POSED STATEMENTS AND TOAST ADDRESS YOUR PRIMARY CON-  
CERNS. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR WALKER AND BERGSTEN ARE  
AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES AS THEY SEE FIT IN  
STATEMENTS OR TOAST. PROVIDE ANY AMENDED TEXTS TO  
DEPARTMENT BY TELEGRAM AFTER DELIVERY. VANCE

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